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18 July 1950PROPOSED NATIONAL SECURITY COUNCIL DIRECTIVERESPONSIBILITIES AND DUTIES OF THE
DIRECTOR OF CENTRAL INTELLIGENCE

In accordance with the provision of Section 102 of the National Security Act of 1947, as amended, and for the purpose of coordinating the intelligence activities of the Government, the Director of Central Intelligence is responsible for:

A. Advising the National Security Council

In all matters concerning intelligence activities of the Government departments and agencies as they relate to national security, the Director of Central Intelligence shall constantly give advice and counsel to the National Security Council or to the individual members thereof. This function does not need departmental or agency clearance, but shall be carried on directly between the D.C.I. and the N.S.C. or the Members. At meetings of the N.S.C. the Director of Central Intelligence should be prepared to present a report on highlights of intelligence activities throughout the departments and agencies of the Federal Government, and a synopsis of substantive intelligence matters.

B. Making Recommendations to the National Security Council

When he deems it essential, the Director of Central Intelligence shall make recommendations to the N.S.C. regarding the coordination of

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intelligence activities throughout the Federal Government. The D.C.I. shall submit with his recommendations the opinions of the interested departmental intelligence agencies on his recommendation.

The recommendations of the Director of Central Intelligence shall, when approved by the National Security Council, form the basis for advice to the President on action to be taken or policy to be formed, or issue as Council Directives to the Director of Central Intelligence. The respective departmental heads shall be responsible for insuring that such orders or directives, when applicable, are implemented within their organizations.

In accordance with the provisions of Section 303(a) of the National Security Act of 1947, the Director of Central Intelligence may appoint ad hoc committees when he deems it advisable and shall appoint on a continuing basis the heads of the departmental intelligence organizations as an ADVISORY COMMITTEE. Individuals so designated will render all possible aid and assistance to the Director of Central Intelligence in the performance of his duty to coordinate the intelligence activities of the Federal Government. They will, however, exercise no control or supervisory powers over the activities of The Central Intelligence Agency.

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C. Producing National Intelligence Estimates

The Director of Central Intelligence shall produce "NATIONAL

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That intelligence relating directly to the national security which is required in the formulation of policy at the national (i.e. supra-departmental) level, subdivided into three categories:

1. Intelligence required by the President, the National Security Council, the Secretary of Defense, and such government agencies and bodies as the National Security Council shall designate.

2. Intelligence covering the broad aspects of national policy and national security, transcending (and integrating) the intelligence produced by individual departments or agencies.

3. Intelligence in fields of concern, common to more than one Department or Agency, which the National Security Council determines can be more efficiently produced centrally.

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That intelligence needed at the highest policy, planning and operational levels of the government, in the formulation, modification, appraisal and execution of national policies, plans, courses of action, and decisions. It shall be produced by the Central Intelligence Agency for the President, the National Security Council and its staff, and for such Governmental departments and agencies as the N.S.C. shall from time to time specifically designate. It shall be produced for all authorized agencies either separately, in connection with their specific responsibilities, or collectively in connection with matters of concern to more than one department or agency. In the production of national intelligence, the C.I.A. should draw upon and review the specialized intelligence production of the departmental intelligence agencies for the purpose of preparing coordinated national intelligence estimates. Neither CIA nor

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the departmental intelligence agencies should be bound by the concept of collective responsibility in the production of national intelligence because this would inevitably reduce coordinated national intelligence to the lowest common denominator among the agencies concerned.

Insofar as practicable, the Director of Central Intelligence shall make use of existing intelligence facilities, and shall utilize departmental and agency intelligence for such production of National Intelligence.

To adequately fulfill his overall production responsibility, the Director of Central Intelligence shall be responsible for the preparation, coordination, implementation and maintenance of integrated national intelligence production plans to meet the entire needs of national security and to indicate clearly the departmental support required for such national intelligence plan.

When the Director of Central Intelligence seeks departmental or agency comment on a national intelligence estimate prior to its publication, the proposed paper shall be reviewed by the appropriate departmental intelligence agency or agencies for the purpose of obtaining their views only on those aspects of national intelligence which fall within

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Whenever National Intelligence is reviewed by the Departments or Agencies it shall be so noted, and shall carry thereon a statement of agency concurrence or dissent.

D. Disseminating Intelligence

The Director of Central Intelligence shall disseminate intelligence produced by C.I.A., or unevaluated information possessed by C.I.A., to the President, to members of the National Security Council, and to the other Executive Departments and Agencies whenever he deems such dissemination appropriate to their functions related to National Security, provided that such dissemination as a general rule conforms to applicable security regulations of the originating agency.

The Director of Central Intelligence may exchange intelligence with the intelligence organizations of foreign governments in accordance with established policies governing such exchanges.

E. Protecting Intelligence Sources and Methods

Except in internal security matters, the Director of Central Intelligence shall coordinate all policies throughout the Executive Departments and Agencies concerning adequate guard and safety in shielding the sources and procedures of intelligence activities. Under his overall responsibility the Departments and Agencies shall adopt adequate policies to protect intelligence processes from being detrimentally affected by unnecessary and inappropriate disclosures.

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F. Performing Central Services for Existing Intelligence Agencies

Whenever the Director of Central Intelligence determines that greater efficiency would be achieved by having the CIA perform certain services for the benefit of any or all the existing intelligence agencies, he shall make pertinent recommendations to the National Security Council in accordance with the policies and procedures outlined in B supra.

"Existing intelligence agencies" are those units in the Executive Departments which have been heretofore known as "IAC Agencies," and any other organization within other Executive Departments which by its work and security clearance may be properly classified as an "intelligence agency." The National Security Council will make the decision in each instance of what new unit of the Federal structure is to be known as an "Intelligence Agency."

G. Inspecting Departmental and Agency Intelligence

To the extent authorized by Section 102(e) of the National Security Act of 1947, the Director of Central Intelligence, or representatives designated by him, shall make such surveys and inspections of departmental intelligence organizations and activities of the various Federal Departments and Agencies as he may deem essential to the national security. The Director of Central Intelligence shall clear the initiation of such surveys with the head of the Department or Agency concerned.

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The Director of Central Intelligence shall act for the National Security Council to insure full and proper implementation of Council directives. To accomplish this end he will issue such supplemental directives as he determines are required in accordance with the policies outlined in Section B supra.

Furthermore, at the behest of the President, or any of the members of the National Security Council, or on his own initiative, the Director of Central Intelligence may issue such directives to one or more of the intelligence agencies as he deems essential. In formulating these directives the Director of Central Intelligence shall have full discretion for decisions as to the prior referral of these directives to any or all of the departmental or agency chiefs of intelligence or to the National Security Council.

I. Existing directives in conflict with this Directive are hereby repealed.

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